

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sam Sahota on 9-1-2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

The following Claim 21 has been added:

--The method of elongating optical fiber base material according to claim 3 wherein a jig comprising an upper board and a cylindrical part is mounted on a pair of pinch rollers, and a positioning adjustment apparatus supporting said pinch rollers adjusts a position of the apparatus using one of a vertical line of a laser beam and a plumb bob, which is parallel to the traveling distance of the base material ingot, runs through the middle of the heating means and the center point of the shorter rod, to determine the positions of the pinch rollers.--

### **EXAMINER'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Sahota notified the examiner of a typographical error present in original claim 10 wherein it was stated as being (withdrawn) when it should have been (previously presented). The claim was subsequently canceled by Examiner's amendment during allowance. The examiner agreed to add the claim as new claim 21 according to

renumbering of claims as set forth in 37 CFR 1.126. The claim is considered to be allowable as being dependent upon a base claim and intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EDWARD TOLAN whose telephone number is (571)272-4525. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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